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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT OF MOROCCAN TEXTILE DELEGATION TO US IN
WAKE OF EC TEXTILE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

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1. ABDOU ELMANJRA, PRESIDENT OF THE MOROCCAN ASSOCIATION
OF CLOTHING INDUSTRIES (ASSOCIATION MAROCAINE DES
INDUSTRIES DU VETEMENT--AMIVE) AND ABDELHAMID MIKOU,
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MOROCCAN ASSOCIATION OF TEXTILE
INDUSTRIES (ASSOCIATION MAROCAINE DES INDUSTRIES TEXTILES)
CALLED ON ECONOFF AND COMATT MORNING AUGUST 30 TO DISCUSS
POSSIBLE VISIT OF MOROCCAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY DELEGATION
TO US PER REF C. PURPOSE OF MISSION WOULD BE TO EXPLORE
BOTH PURCHASE OF RAW MATERIALS FOR MOROCCAN TEXTILE
INDUSTRY AND SALE OF SEMI-FINISHED TEXTILE GOODS IN US.
THEY ENVISAGE 20-25 MAN TRADE MISSION SPONSORED BY MOROCCAN
ASSOCIATION OF TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, MAKING 2-3 WEEK VISIT
TO US LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER. MOROCCANS WILL PAY
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COST BUT WOULD APPRECIATE OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
GROUP LODGING AND TRAVEL RATES.

2. COMATT SAID CONGEN AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COULD
ASSIST TRADE MISSION AS PART OF US TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAM.
IN VIEW PROSPECTS OF INCREASED US SALES TO MOROCCO. AT
SAME TIME, HE EMPHASIZED THAT NEITHER USDOC NOR CONGEN IS

ORGANIZED FOR FACILITATING SALE OF FOREIGN PRODUCTS IN US MARKET. ELMANJRA AND MIKOU NOTED THAT MOROCCO CURRENTLY IMPORTS 64 PERCENT OF ITS RAW TEXTILE REQUIREMENTS FROM FRANCE, AND THAT THIS WILL OBVIOUSLY CHANGE AS RESULT OF RECENT EEC RESTRICTIONS AND RECIPROCAL MOROCCAN ACTION IN REQUIRING LICENSE FOR IMPORTATION OF LARGE RANGE OF TEXTILE-RELATED ITEMS.

3. MIKOU SAID HE WOULD FURNISH COMATT WITH LIST OF MATERIALS WHICH TEXTILE ASSOCIATION WOULD BE INTERESTED IN IMPORTING FROM US IN MOROCCO. WE WILL SUBMIT THESE IN TOP FORMAT AS APPROPRIATE.

4. ELMANJRA SAID IN PAST MOROCCAN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DEALT WITH WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK FOR ADVICE RE MARKETING OF MOROCCAN GOODS IN US, BUT THERE ARE CURRENTLY SOME UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS RE PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE ANTICIPATE MIKOU WILL MAKE NEXT CONTACT IN ABOUT ONE WEEK. IN VIEW OF INTERESTING NEW EMPHASIS ON POSSIBLE PURCHASES FROM US, WE WOULD APPRECIATE LIST OF SPECIFIC RECOMMENDED CONTACTS IN US TEXTILE FIELD WHICH WE COULD PASS ON TO MOROCCAN ASSOCIATION OF TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, AND ANY OTHER GUIDANCE ALONG LINES OF REFS B AND C. KUNIHOLM

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